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## Severe Weather Recovery: Replacement FoodShare Benefits Available Until August 19, 2019 for Many Wisconsin Counties

The Department of Health Services (DHS) announced today that replacement FoodShare benefits are available for an extended period of time for most of western, northern, and central Wisconsin. DHS requested and received approval from the federal Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to extend the time in which persons affected by the severe weather and power outages can report loss of benefits.

Members in the following counties have until **August 19**, **2019**, to request replacement FoodShare benefits:

- <u>Bay Lake Consortium</u> counties: Brown, Door, Marinette, Oconto, and Shawano.
- <u>Central Consortium</u> counties: Langlade, Marathon, Oneida, and Portage.
- <u>East Central Consortium</u> counties: Calumet, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marquette,
  Outagamie, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago.
- <u>Great Rivers Consortium</u> counties: Barron, Burnett, Chippewa, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pierce, Polk,
  St. Croix, and Washburn.
- <u>Northern Consortium</u> counties: Ashland, Bayfield, Florence, Forest, Iron, Lincoln, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas, and Wood.
- Western Consortium counties: Buffalo, Clark, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Pepin, Trempealeau, and Vernon.

Members of the following tribes have until **August 19, 2019**, to request replacement FoodShare benefits:

- Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians.
- Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin.
- Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.
- Oneida Nation.

FoodShare members throughout the state of Wisconsin who lost food purchased with their FoodShare benefits as a result of recent severe weather can contact their <u>local agency</u> to request replacement

benefits. Replacement benefits are issued for the amount of food lost, up to the amount of benefits already issued for the month. Members in counties and tribes not listed above have the usual 10 days from the date they lost their food to request replacement FoodShare benefits.

FoodShare members should fill out the <u>Request for Replacement FoodShare Benefits form (F-00330)</u> and submit it to their <u>local income maintenance agency</u> by fax, mail, or in-person. Members will need to describe on the form how they lost their food. Members should contact their <u>local agency</u> if they have more questions about replacement FoodShare benefits.

Find more information about FoodShare benefits.